

from Washington and the St. Louis Browns, bracketed for sixth place.

Fielder Jones, after many dismal weeks, has lifted his club from seventh place. True, he is only tied for sixth, even after winning 14 straight, but the rate his team is going makes it only a question of days until he pushes his way by some obstructions.

Fifty-two games are left in the schedule and seven games is no insurmountable obstacle over such a distance. Jones has five pitchers in shape to work regularly and four of them are southpaws, the most valuable slingers in a league which boasts so many left-handed sluggers.

Davenport is the reliable right-hander, supported by the wrong-handed shoots of Koob, Weillman, Hamilton and Plank. Koob and Weillman can pitch every fourth day, with Hamilton and Plank, both of whom need a trifle more rest between games, alternating.

Washington does not look like a contender, but it is a team which is troublesome all the way. The same goes for Cleveland and Detroit. New York, if it does not drop too far before its injured members get back, will be a dangerous competitor.

Looking ahead to next year, the main consolation left Cub followers, there are a few bright spots to be seen. The North Siders will start in 1917 with a regular shortstop, one who looks to be big league class in all departments of his game.

Wortman has not burned up the league, but he is new to fast company and is with a team that doesn't teach him very much. He must learn for himself and that takes a longer time. His batting should hover around the .240 mark, a fair enough average for a fellow who plays well on defense.

He is making numerous errors, but many of these are because he goes after balls that former Cub shortfielders would have watched slide through for safe hits.

Lavender beat New York. The Cubs played no better than usual, but their errors didn't hurt.

Plank held Red Sox to two hits, while Browns hammered Ruth. Shotton led with two run-getting hits.

Detroit won messy game, beating Shawkey. Cobb got two hits. Artie Hofman was in the Yank line-up, making two hits and stealing a base.

Williams pitched fine ball for Macks, but error by McInnis led to winning runs. Gandil got three singles and Strunk two doubles.

Reds messed badly, Chase making three errors. Fitzpatrick replaced Evers and knocked three hits. Rudolph was effective.

Smith outpitched Harmon, Brooklyn winning seventh straight. Johnston, Daubert and Smith batted in the runs.

Passes by Meadows gave Philadelphia a win. Rixey fanned four.

Johnny Evers is out with a statement that he is sorry he had an argument with Red Smith, his teammate, and that peace has been declared. Johnny says he must rest for a time because his back and neck hurt, but he will give the team his best efforts when he returns.

In the first half of the east vs. west tennis play at Forest Hills, L. I., westerners were badly trimmed, the easterners winning all matches. Williams vs. Johnston, Church vs. Griffin, Washburn vs. Murray and Behr vs. Davis were the pairings.

Miss Safford of the Glencoe grammar school, 13 years old, broke the women's 40-yard swimming record in the New Trier high natatorium last night when she covered the distance in :29, just three-fifths of a second faster than the time made by Miss Jacqueline Thompson at Northwestern university two years ago. The young woman won the 20-yard event with ease and continued on her way to the new record.

Members of the Norfolk, Va., team of the Virginia league, have declared a strike and announced they would